

Senate Watch

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

[SB 511](#)

(Jelinek)

Multi-departmental supplemental for fiscal year 2007-2008.

- Motion to suspend the rules not adopted [RC 264: 16 yes, 19 no, 3 excused]
- Bill to lie over for one day

[SB 435](#)

(Stamas)

Allow eighty-seventh judicial district to reorganize into 3 separate districts.

- The Senate concurred in the House substitute [RC 265: 28 yes, 7 no, 3 excused]
- IE was not ordered [RC 266: 21 yes, 14 no, 3 excused]

[SB 716](#)

(George)

The bill would revise the definition of "authorized representative" in regards to receiving autopsy reports so as to include the spouse of a deceased patient.

- The Senate concurred in the House substitute H-1 [RC 267: 35 yes, 0 no, 3 excused]
- IE was ordered

THIRD READING

[HB 4433](#)

(Bieda)

House Bill 4433 (S-1) would give the Tribunal jurisdiction over mediation of a proceeding before the Tribunal over which it currently has exclusive and original jurisdiction, as well as the

certification of a mediator in such a tax dispute. The Tribunal also would have jurisdiction over any other proceeding provided by law. (Currently, the Tax Tribunal has exclusive and original jurisdiction over a proceeding for direct review of a final decision or order of an agency relating to assessment, valuation, rates, special assessments, allocation, or equalization under property tax laws; and a proceeding for refund or redetermination of a tax under the property tax laws.)

- HB 4433 was passed [RC 268: 35 yes, 0 no, 3 excused]
- IE was ordered

HB 4434 (Young)

House Bill 4434 (H-1) would create the Michigan Tax Tribunal Fund in the Department of Labor and Economic Growth as a separate interest-bearing fund. All fees collected pursuant to the Act would have to be deposited in the Fund. The bill would delete the current requirement that fees be paid directly into the General Fund.

- HB 4434 was passed [RC 269: 34 yes, 0 no, 3 excused]
- IE was ordered

HB 4435 (Sheen)

House Bill 4435 would delete a requirement that not more than three members of the Tribunal be members of the same professional discipline.

- HB 4435 was passed [RC 270: 35 yes, 0 no, 3 excused]
- IE was ordered

HB 4436 (Melton)

House Bill 4436 (S-2) would increase the jurisdiction of the residential property and small claims division. Currently, the division has jurisdiction over a proceeding, otherwise cognizable by the Tribunal, in which residential property is exclusively involved. Property other than residential property may be included in a proceeding before the division if the amount of that property's taxable value or State equalized valuation in dispute is not more than \$100,000. The division also has jurisdiction over a proceeding involving an appeal of any other tax over which the Tribunal has jurisdiction if the amount of the tax in dispute is \$6,000 or less. The bill would increase that amount to \$20,000, adjusted annually by the inflation rate.

- HB 4436 was passed [RC 271: 35 yes, 0 no, 3 excused]
- IE was ordered

HB 4437 (Calley)

House Bill 4437 would repeal Section 66 of the Act, which requires a Tax Tribunal hearing in the residential property and small claims division to be held after 6 p.m. if the petitioner requests an evening hearing in his or her initial petition.

- HB 4437 was passed [RC 272: 35 yes, 0 no, 3 excused]
- IE was ordered

HB 5322 (Clack)

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to require a school board to include information about human papillomavirus (HPV), if the board provided information on other health issues to parents of pupils in at least grades 6, 9, and 12.

- HB 5322 was passed [RC 273: 34 yes, 1 no, 3 excused]
- IE was ordered

GENERAL ORDERS

HB 5798 (Young)

Allow Detroit Thermal to apply to MPSC for cost recovery.

- Committee amendment-1 adopted
- HB 5798 advanced to 3rd Reading

SB 72 (Jansen)

Create Habitat for Humanity fund-raising license plate.

- SB 72 advanced to 3rd Reading

SB 1256 (Kahn)

The bill would amend Public Act 152 of 2006, which authorizes local units of government to pass ordinances regulating activity within 500 feet of the location of a funeral service, to refer to 500 feet of the property line.

- SB 1256 advanced to 3rd Reading

SB 382 (Kuipers)

Senate Bill 382 (S-3) would amend the Occupational Code to do all of the following:

- Require licensure, rather than registration, for a person to engage in the practice of landscape architecture.
- Allow an unlicensed person to perform or offer certain landscaping services if he or she did not use the term "landscape architect".
- Require the Director of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG) to appoint one or more ad hoc committees to assist in adopting rules for continuing education and

continuing competency, providing for exceptions to the licensing standards, and establishing recommendations for license sanctions for violations.

-- Require a majority of ad hoc committee members to be licensed architects.

-- Require a demonstration of continuing professional competence for renewal of a license as a landscape architect.

-- Allow DLEG to issue a landscape architecture license without examination to an applicant who was legally registered, licensed, or regulated in another state or country whose requirements were at least substantially equivalent to Michigan's requirements.

- Committee substitute S-3 was adopted
- SB 382 advanced to 3rd Reading

SB 383

(Kuipers)

Senate Bill 383 (S-3) would amend the State License Fee Act to increase the application fee for landscape architects from \$35 to \$200, and require a \$60 annual license fee rather than a \$40 annual registration fee.

- Committee substitute S-3 was adopted
- SB 383 advanced to 3rd Reading